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In addition to the regular agenda items the Chairman commented on the following:

a. Introduction of the new State
Alternate Member of USIB

Mr. Colby welcomed Mr. Roger Kirk, Deputy Director, INR, to his first Board meeting as the State Alternate Member of the USIB.

b. National Security Council
Intelligence Directive
(USIB-D-4.1/6, 31 March 1975)

The Chairman noted that Board consideration of this item had been deferred until the next regular USIB meeting.

c. Statistics on the Freedom of
Information Act (FOIA)

Mr. Colby expressed concern about the growing work load in connection with responses to FOIA requests. He noted that since the new amendments became law on 19 February CIA had received 601 requests not counting 238 which had been returned to the requester for more information. Already some 45 man years have been devoted to responses even though more than 400 requests are still in process. He commented that the Agency is considering a charge for "Do you have a file on me?" searches for which no charges have been levied to date. Several members commented on similar problems in their respective agencies.

d. NSSM on the Middle East

Mr. Colby mentioned the recent NSSM on the Middle East and thanked DIA and the three services for their quick responses. He also noted the need to proceed with the Focus B papers, particularly with

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e. The Situation in South Vietnam

Mr. Colby commented briefly on Vietnam and reported that there would be a WASAG meeting on the subject later today. Generals Graham, Allen and Keegan all commented briefly on intelligence problems connected with this deteriorating situation.

1. USIB-S-10.9/56, 25 March 1975
(Limited distribution through restricted channels)

(A record of Board discussion and action on this subject is contained in Memorandum for Holders-1 of USIB-S-10.9/56, 2 April 1975, limited distribution through restricted channels.)

2. Approval of Minutes
27 March Meeting
(USIB-M-691 and record of Board discussion and action contained in Memorandum for Holders-1 of USIB-D-46.2/37, 27 March 1975, limited distribution through restricted channels)

Approved as circulated.

3. Briefing on Key Intelligence Questions
Evaluation Process
(USIB/IRAC-D-22.1/36, 31 March 1975)

General Wilson introduced this subject with a brief statement on the status of the KEP. He noted that the proposed guidance for evaluating community performance on the FY-75 KIQs had been circulated (reference), and commented that, while there are still problems, we need to begin to apply the performance evaluation process. General Wilson then introduced Mr. James Boginis who briefed on the FY-74 pilot program of the Key Intelligence Questions Evaluation Process.*

*Mr. Boginis' briefing aids are contained in the Special Annex to these minutes.

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The discussion which followed centered largely on questions raised by General Allen regarding costing figures and how they should be used in the KEP. There are problems involved in the use of both marginal and pro rata costing figures. He stressed the importance of being able to associate intelligence costs with performance, but did not believe that the proposed KEP would accomplish this objective. General Allen pointed out the need for consistent ground rules and a common understanding on costing. He suggested that a paper be prepared which would address the issues involved and what the various alternatives might be.

Mr. Colby indicated his agreement that General Allen had raised a number of valid points. He noted, for example, that it would be most misleading to suggest, on a pro rata basis, that if a KIQ cost \$30 million that anywhere near that amount could be saved by eliminating that KIQ. The Chairman agreed that a paper should be prepared to sort out the best and most consistent way to do costing data.

General Graham observed that the KIQ process had already proven to be a useful management tool for him since it had helped DIA to better relate its efforts to overall national questions.

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 commented that the major question is how to get value judgments and stressed the need for guidance from key consumers regarding what their real interests are. Mr. Colby acknowledged that this was both an important and difficult problem. The NIOs have the basic responsibility for making value judgments based on as much key consumer reaction as they can obtain.

Following additional discussion the Board noted that the IC Staff would prepare a paper for USIB establishing insofar as possible ground rules and a common understanding for the application of costing information to KIQs.

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Adjournment: 1705 hours

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